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1. Borkheide airfield. 25X1
Borkheide airfield was intended to be enlarged toward the west. The cutting of trees was not yet started. No details on the scheduled construction work was known 1 25X1
2. Calau-Bronkow airfield. parachuting was 25X1
repeatedly practiced at Calau-Bronkow airfield. During May 1955, Soviet twin-engine aircraft repeatedly approached the field and about 20 men parachuted. During these exercises, a KVP truck moved in the vicinity of Bronkow and picked up the parachutists. In favorable weather, the jumps were repeated during daytime. ²
3. Parow airfield. On 12 June 1955, the entire area of Parow airfield was covered with grain. No observations were made indicating reconditioning work at the field. The quartering buildings were still occupied by the sea police school.
4. Plaauen airfield. Prior to 5 June 1955, 160 to 170 hectares of woods were cleared near Plaauen airfield in the area west of Syrau - Kauschnitz road. 25X1
In addition to the cleared area, about 40 hectares of cultivated field were confiscated. The farmers of these fields were permitted to continue their work until 5 June. After 6 June, the area was blocked off by order of the Soviet komendatura. Since the area had elevations of 20 to 30 meters, it was not believed that it would be suitable for enlarging of the airfield. ³
5. Reinsdorf airfield. On 23 May 1955, 3 Po-2s landed at the field and took off after a few minutes. No personnel were seen at the field. On 4 June, there was no air unit stationed at the field.
6. Schkeuditz airfield. On 30 June 1955, the field was not occupied by an air unit. Construction work continued on the new buildings north of Siebel Plant. As far as could be observed, the side walls of a hangar 70 to 80 meters long and 30 meters wide were completed up to the height of the windows. Between 1530 and 1615, no workers were observed there. About 8 FLASH (18) 25X1

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civilian workers pushed a Yak-18 into a tent located approximately at the end of the northwestern taxiway which connected the airfield with Siebel Plant. 4

7. Staaken airfield. On 3 June 1955, the runway and taxiways at Staaken airfield were in such a poor status that their utilization seemed to be impossible. The large pumping installation which had formerly been used to keep the field drained was still destroyed. ~~Therefore, the~~ subsoil water level had risen to such a point that the soil rose and sank about 20 cm. when vehicles with heavy loads proceeded over it. The northern building at the field was occupied by a Soviet unit. The installation was surrounded by a board fence and its entrance at the southern side was guarded by a sentry wearing red epaulets. No training activity was observed. Buildings Nos. 1 through 7 in the southern section of the installation were occupied by a DIA college (Deutscher Innen- und Aussenhandel) (German home and export trade). Other buildings were destroyed and scheduled to be reconstructed. Construction work, however, had not yet been started in May 1955 because of a lack of funds. 5

1. Comment. Information on possible construction work at Porkheide airfield was previously received. 25X1
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2. Comment. Parachuting was probably practiced by VPL units. 25X1
3. Comment. For the time being it is not believed that clearing work is connected with enlargement work at Plauen airfield.
4. Comment. Schkeuditz airfield is being prepared for the VEB Maschinen- und Apparatebau Schkeuditz which is charged with the manufacture of jigs and machine tools required for the GDR aircraft industry, and with repair work on Yak-18s of the VPL. 25X1
5. Comment. It is not believed that Staaken airfield is any longer suitable for an air unit. The field is occupied by a Soviet border guard detail and the school of the GDR Innen- und Aussenhandel (DIA). 25X1

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